

*Landmark energy bill includes overdue hike in CAFE standards, geothermal incentives*

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney cast his vote for ground-breaking energy legislation.

The bill also includes measures Rep. McNerney wrote and introduced separately to increase research and development.

The energy legislation passed by a vote of 314-100.

“This energy bill represents a significant step forward in reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil and promoting energy security,” McNerney said.

This final iteration of energy legislation has already cleared the Senate and President Bush has indicated his support.

The signature feature of the initiative approved by the House today raises vehicle fuel efficiency standards.

In particular, the legislation includes provisions of a bill originally authored by Rep. McNerney, the Advanced Energy Efficiency Act.

The legislation also includes a bill originally introduced by Rep. McNerney, in conjunction with Reps. Solomon and Lujan.

“While I am pleased about much of what was included in the final version of the energy bill, I believe this legislation is a significant step forward in reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil and promoting energy security,” McNerney said.

“This compromise legislation unfortunately does not include a national renewable electricity standard wh

Important statistics on the House- and Senate-passed energy bill:

- Increases vehicle fuel efficiency to 35 miles per gallon in 2020 – the first congressional increase in
- Increased vehicle fuel efficiency will save American families \$700 to \$1,000 a year at the pump.
- New fuel efficiency standards will produce \$22 billion in net annual savings for consumers in 2020.
- Slashes U.S. oil consumption by more than 4 million barrels per day by 2030 –more than twice our
- Increases the efficiency of buildings, homes, appliances, and lighting, reducing emissions.
- Building, appliance, and lighting efficiency will save consumers \$400 billion through 2030.
- Job training will prepare workers for 3 million new ‘green’ jobs over 10 years.